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LAW DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 5th August, 2025

S.R.O. No.599/2025 ─ The State Government do hereby make the following rules further to amend the Odisha Law Officers Rules, 1971, namely :─

1. (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Law Officers (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Law Officers Rules,1971 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules) in rule 3, -in clause (a), for the words and figures, "Section 492 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898", the words and figures " Section 18 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023" shall be substituted.

3. In the said rules, in rule 5.-

(i) for sub-rule (1), the following sub-rules shall be substituted, namely:─

"(1) In appointing a Law Officer, the District Magistrate shall draw up in consultation with the District and Sessions Judge, a panel of advocates of the District who are in active practice and are willing to act as such and submit the same with his recommendation to the Legal Remembrancer for the orders of the State Government.";

(ii) the sub-rule (3) shall be omitted; and

(iii) in sub-rule (4), for the words and figures, "Section 492 (2) of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1898, (Act V of 1898), the words and figures "Section 18 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Act No. 46 of 2023)" shall be substituted.

4. In the said rules, for rule 6, the following rule shall be substituted , namely :─

" (6) Term of Office :- The Law Officer shall ordinarily hold office for a term of three years. He shall be eligible for re-appointment on the expiry of such term. However ,

the State Government may terminate any Law Officer before the expiry of normal tenure of three years."

5. In the said rules, in the rule 12,-

(i) for sub-rule (1) , the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"(1) When the normal amount of work is more than a Law Officer can perform, the State Government can propose a panel of lawyers for smooth conduct of Government cases.";and

(ii) the sub-rule (2) shall be omitted.

6. In the said rules, in rule 13,-

(i) in clause (e), for the words and figures, "Section 422 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, (Act 5 of 1898)," the words and figures "Section 426 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Act No. 46 of 2023)" shall be substituted .;and

(ii) in clause (i), for the words and figures, "Section 476 or 478 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act 5 of 1898)" the words and figures "Section 379 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita , 2023 (Act No. 46 of 2023)" shall be substituted.

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By Order of the Governor
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